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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE

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1. FOLLOWING ARE AVAILABLE DATA ON MOZAMBIQUE RICE PRODUCTION, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, AS REQUESTED PARA 2 REFTEL.

A. COMMERCIAL RICE PRODUCTION:

(1). PADDY RICE USED IN MILLING, IN METRIC TONS: 1970-

68,795; 1971 - 73,974; 1972 - 72,191; 1973 - 75,546;

1974 - AND LATER NOT AVAILABLE.

(2). BREAKDOWN OF ABOVE BY END PRODUCTS: MILLED RICE,

METRIC TONS 1970 - 45,575; 1971 - 49,263; 1972 - 48,238;

1973 - 50,574; 1974 - 47,859; 1975 - 43,696; 1976 NOT AVAILABLE.

(3). RICE BRAN, METRIC TONS: 1970 - 7,125; 1971 - 7,417;

1972 - 7,076; 1973 - 7,404; 1974 AND LATER NOT AVAILABLE.

(4). RICE HUSKS, METRIC TONS: 1970 - 16,095. LATER YEARS NOT AVAILABLE.

COMMENT: AS STATED, FIGURES ABOVE REPRESENT COMMERCIAL RICE

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PRODUCTION. THE PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION, HOWEVER, WAS AWARE THAT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF RICE WAS RAISED, MILLED, AND CONSUMED IN THE SUBSISTENCE SECTOR. OBVIOUSLY, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ACCURATE DATA ON THESE QUANTITIES; HOWEVER, THE PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION DID MAKE ESTIMATES OF TOTAL RICE PRODUCTION FOR THE COUNTRY. THE EMBASSY HAS NO WAY TO EVALUATE THE ACCURACY OF THESE ESTIMATES, BUT WE IN-

CLUDE THEM HERE, SINCE THEY ARE PROBABLY BALLPARK FIGURES FOR TOTAL DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION: TOTAL RICE PRODUCTION ESTIMATES, INCLUDING SUBSISTENCE SECTOR, METRIC TONS:

1970 - 99,000; 1972 - 119,000; 1973 - 119,000; 1974 - 101,000; 1975 - 79,000; 1976 NOT AVAILABLE.

B. RICE EXPORTS: 1970 - 898 TONS OF WHICH 820 WERE EXPORTED TO PORTUGAL; 1971 - 1,367 TONS, OF WHICH 1,351 TONS WENT TO PORTUGAL; 1972 - 455 TONS, OF WHICH 430 TONS WENT TO PORTUGAL; 1973 - 850 TONS, OF WHICH 830 TONS WENT TO PORTUGAL.

C. RICE IMPORTS: NONE UNTIL 1976 WHEN 30,000 TONS WERE IMPORTED ON COMMERCIAL BASIS FROM PAKISTAN, AND ABOUT 10,000 TONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE PRC AS A GIFT.

D. OTHER INFO: DOMESTIC PRICE OF GRADE ONE RICE IS CURRENTLY 13.5 ESCUDOS PER KILO (US\$0.45); FOR GRADE TWO, PRICE IS 11.5 ESCUDOS PER KILO (US\$0.35). EMBASSY HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT GPRM IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF ARRANGING FOR PURCHASE OF RICE FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1977, WHICH WE ASSUME IF FOR ABOUT 20,00 TONS.

2. EMBASSY QUESTIONS STATEMENT PARA 3 REFTEL THAT "MOZAMBIQUE'S PER CAPITA GNP IS OVER DOLLARS 300." UNESCO REPORT E/5812 OF 30 APRIL 1976, PREPARED BY THE UN MISSION HEADED BY ABDULRAHIM ABBY FARAH WHICH STUDIED THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE APPLICATION OF UN SANCTIONS BY MOZAMBIQUE AGAINST RHODESIA, CONTAINS LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF MOZAMBIQUE PER CAPITA GNP ESTIMATES, AND CONCLUDES THAT, AT PRESENT, GNP PER CAPITA IN MOZAMBIQUE IS "BETWEEN \$180 AND \$200 AT THE PREVAILING OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE."

3. EMBASSY HESITATES TO PREDICT LEVEL OF POSSIBLE GPRM PL480 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUEST. GPRM IS UNLIKELY REQUEST ANY PL480 RICE UNLESS EMBASSY INDICATES THERE A GOOD CHANCE PL480 TITLE RICE WOULD BE AVAILABLE, IN WHICH CASE WE BELIEVE GPRM WOULD BE LIKELY TO REQUEST FULL YEAR'S SUPPLY, I.E. ABOUT 40,000 TONS. ALL THIS CONTINGENT, OF COURSE, UPON CONCLUSION BY GPRM OFFICIALS THAT PL480 TERMS ARE ATTRACTIVE. ON BALANCE, WE THINK GPRM WOULD BE PREPARED ACCEPT PL480 TITLE I TERMS, EVEN THOUGH SOME OF LEFTIST IDEOLOGUES IN GPRM MAY BE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH PL480 REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT PUBLICITY AND WITH REQUIREMENT THAT GPRM GIVE ASSURANCES THAT U.S. OBTAIN FAIR SHARE OF ANY INCREASED PURCHASES OF RICE BEYOND USUAL MARKETING LEVEL. DE PREE

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